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SUBJECT: MEXICO: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM'S CONCESSION IN
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We delivered reftel demarche on May 25 to Edgar Rangel German, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Hydrocarbons at the Secretariat of Energy (SENER) and to Rafael Alexandri Rionda, Director General for Hydrocarbons at SENER. Both Rangel and Alexandri said that Pemex has not been approached nor have they heard of any attempt by Ecuador to solicit Mexico's assistance in operating Occidental's former concession. In addition, they responded that Pemex traditionally does not perform this type of work. Both Rangel and Alexandri appreciated the information and said they would inform the Embassy should Ecuador ask for assistance.

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